25. Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal Soil and Water Conservation
26. Cyclone Protection shelters, Andhra Pradesh, Ph. II
27. Cyclone Protection Shelters, Tamil Nadu, Ph. III
28. Hydrological computerised modelling system (SHE)
29. Operation Flood-III
30. Doon Valley Integrated Watershed Management Project
31. Intensive Grain Storage Project
32. Extension Services relating to Fertilizer use-Ph. I
33. Extension Services relating to Fertilizer use-Ph. II

Foreign Exchange spent on foreign tours

2669. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central and State Ministers who undertook foreign tours between January to October, 1991;

(b) the number of Central and State Officials who went on foreign tours during the same period; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange spent on these trips?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c) The infromation is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Italian credit for promotion of Industrial Co-operation

2670. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to get Italian credit to promote industrial cooperation between the two countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) While there is no proposal for an umbrella agreement with Italy on industrial cooperation, Italian assistance has been sought for the following two projects:—

(i) National Small Industries Corporation's Prototype Development & Training Centre for Electronics at Hyderabad for which Italian Technical Assistance grant of Italian Lira 6.120 billion (Rs. 13 crores approx. at the exchange rate of Rs. 100 = It. Lira 4617) is being sought.

Italian assistance is being proposed for the basic engineering of the centre, equipment, training of instructors in Italy technical assistance for assembly and start up operations.

(ii) CAD-CAM Centre, Madras of the Min. of Industry for which Italian assistance of Italian Lira 13.5 billion (Rs. 29 Crores approx.) is being sought.

The Objectives of the project are to provide designing, construction and testing of sophisticated toolings, work pieces and equipments relevant to metal forging industry.

Setting up of Direct Tax Court

2671. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up a Direct Tax Court has been approved by Government;

(b) if so, by when such Court is likely to be set up; and

(c) whether there would be any need for the proposed Direct Tax Court at all in view of the simplified direct tax code, which the Government propose to introduce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Setting up of National Tribunal of Direct Taxes and preparation of Direct Taxes Code are two mutually exclusive issues. The decision on setting up of